

By Debra Sweet



Joyce Ellwanger is part of the protest community at Volk Field in Wisconsin, an Air National Guard base which also trains drone operators. She was convicted of trespass on the base — for approaching a guard shack which the public routinely visits — and expected to do 5 days in jail. She was instead ordered to pay a fine, which is against her conscience to do. She said in court:

"The trauma to the communities and families who endure drone attacks and drone killing is incredible: daily surveillance from the sky; fear of letting their children go outside to play or go to school; afraid to attend weddings, funerals, community gatherings; afraid even to offer assistance when drone strikes happen because of the double tap strike likely to follow minutes afterward.

Their suffering is beyond words."

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